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Recommendations and Problems
Monthly Reports for July 1960

GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

In the last week of June the NIS Committee changed the FY 1961 schedules for Chapter I Annuals, originally established on 15 March 1960. The changes included a shift of NIS 5 from the first position on the schedule to March 1961. Since Section 19 contributions to NIS 5 were due on 15 July, some of them were already completed and others were in preparation. The shift therefore will necessitate additional research and a rewrite as of February 1961. It is hoped that any future changes in scheduling will give greater considerations to research work already completed or well underway.

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The lack of potential replacement for [REDACTED] who is to resign in mid-September from the Coordination Staff, is a matter of 25X1A9a increasing concern. Also, work has been received that [REDACTED] who were being recruited for the Division, will not be available inasmuch as they have accepted teaching positions for the coming academic year. Action is being initiated to screen applications of a number of other individuals who may be suitable to fill these vacancies.

SPECIAL RESEARCH BRANCH

FDD failed to supply translations of a series of articles on geodesy which were to have been disseminated to US scientists before their departure to the XII General Assembly of the geodesy meetings in Helsinki. They were promised by 12 July, but were not delivered until 19 July. Substitute arrangements were made to have a small number air pouched to Helsinki where they will be disseminated to a few select US scientists. The remainder will be disseminated to US scientists on their return from Helsinki.

NEAR EAST/AFRICA BRANCH

The Branch is enjoying effective clerical help this summer and is becoming thoroughly attached to this high living as a member of the family rather than limping along as a poor relation. We have cut down a sizable filing backlog, removed an eyesore and security hazard by cataloging a table full of books, and performed a hundred time-consuming jobs not otherwise feasible. It can not be made too clear that someone has to do the clerical work and without such assistance we are hard put to show a profit, particularly when one or two persons are away. In addition, unusual activity, such as disturbances in the Congo, the Federation, and the Union, greatly increases the flow of paper.

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